

1 --15. The process of claim 11, wherein the dissolving is carried out
2 in the presence of at least about 0.1% wt. based on the volume of the ferment-
3 tation liquor of at least one additive of a C₁₋₄ aliphatic alcohol, a C₂₋₅ glycol,
4 a C₁₋₆ secondary or tertiary amine, a C₁₋₅ alkyl acetate, dimethylformamide,
5 polyethylene glycol, and polypropylene glycol.--

1 -- 16. The process of claim 15, wherein said additive is
2 diethylamine, triethylamine, dimethylformamide, methanol, isopropanol,
3 ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, isobutyl acetate, or
4 polyethylene glycol.--

REMARKS

Claims 4, 6,, and 11-16 are in the application.

The foregoing amendments are fully responsive to the examiner's comments concerning various features of the wording of the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that this application which is a **file-wrapper** continuation of the parent application, contains all papers thereof, including the already established authority of Maria Bálint to execute on behalf of her deceased father.

The identification of the *Aspergillus* strains was restricted to the *Aspergillus terreus* and *Aspergillus obscurus* strains that were shown to be effective in producing mevinolin, and are in any even the only known fungi that can practically produce mevinolin.

With respect to the reference Jekkel et al. attention is respectfully directed to the contents of the file of the parent application, on July 17, 1995 (that Jekkel teaches pH 10-12);, December 11, 1995 (further distinctions, and adding of "consisting essentially of"), the Pólya declaration of April 22, 1996, and the accompanying arguments of October 1, 1996 (comparisons with Jekkel and showing the present direct separation to be unexpectedly superior) at which time the examiner was convinced that the claims are allowable thereover, and was prepared to allow the claims.

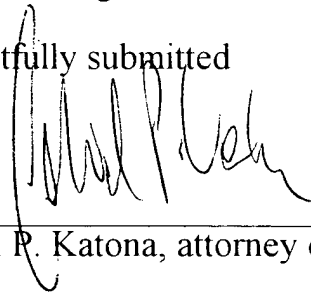
Since there is no issue of any intervening publication, there appears to be no need to submit any certified translation.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the rejection, and the allowance of claims 4, 6,, and 11-16 is respectfully urged. Furthermore, if any minor amendment would accelerate favorable consideration, the examiner is hereby encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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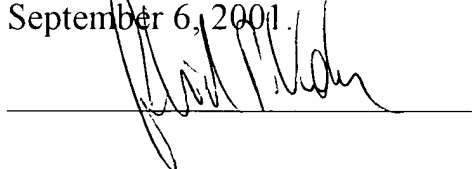
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